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To the HOXNE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

In this my First Report to your Council, all rates per 1,000 are based on the estimated population published by the Registrar General for statistical purposes, viz., 9,730.

The area of the district is 52,842 acres.

Population 1921 9,631. 1925 estimated at 9,730.  
No. of Inhabited Houses 1921 2,419. Number of separate occupiers 1921 (not known.) Rateable Value—£49,901. Sum represented by a penny rate—£139.

Births registered during the Year belonging to the District.

		Males	Females	Totals
Legitimate	...	93	84	177
Illegitimate	...	3	1	4

the Birth rate being 18·6.

The Deaths belonging to the District are—

Males	Females	Totals
71	52	123

giving a rate of 12·6.

39 per cent. of the total deaths was of old people, over 70 years.

INFANT MORTALITY—The following Infants under 1 year died.

		Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate	...	7	4	11
Illegitimate	...	1	0	1

The infantile death rate being 66·2 per 1,000 births of these deaths 50 per cent. were premature births or from Congenital debility.

There was an epidemic of Scarlet Fever at Wilby during August and September ; 6 cases were notified. There were no deaths.

#### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	2	...	0
Scarlet Fever	18	...	0
Pneumonia	2	...	1
Enteric Fever	0	...	0
Ophthalmia } Neonatorum }	1	...	0*
Puerperal Fever	1	...	0

#### TUBERCULAR CASES.

Pulmonary	M 5	...	3	5
	F 3	...	2	4
Non-Pulmonary	M 3	...	2	2
	F 1	...	1	2

There was no School closure during the year.

NURSING—No Nurses are provided by the County Council or Local Authority, there are a few cottage Nurses, who do useful work. There are about 30 Women in the district who attend midwifery cases under Doctors, they are not certified.

Clinics for Tuberculosis and Venereal diseases are available at Ipswich and Norwich, and the usual routine School Inspections are carried out from Ipswich.

Maternity, child welfare centres and day nurseries do not exist in the district, but County Council Visitors, visit women after confinement.

Hospitals for Tuberculosis are provided at Ipswich and Oulton Broad.

An Isolation Hospital is available at Yaxley, while the General Hospitals at Norwich and Ipswich are available for other cases.

Unmarried mothers are received into the Union Infirmary at Eye, if necessary.

\* Recovered with no unpairment of vision.

Ambulances are hired by private arrangement if required.

Pathological and Bacteriological examinations are provided free by the County Council in the laboratory at Ipswich.

Public Health Staff one part time Medical Officer of Health. One whole time Sanitary Inspector.

## Report of Sanitary Inspector for year 1925.

Steady and satisfactory progress has really been made during the year in improving the Sanitary condition of the District.

Public drains and sewers were repaired and cleansed in the Parishes of Fressingfield, Stradbroke and Hoxne.

The water supplies practically throughout the district are far from satisfactory, being in most cases obtained from small ponds and ditches, often by the roadside and no protection from contamination.

A steady improvement is being made by persuading owners of property to construct sand filters and pumps in connection with the ponds, which has proved successful, the usual method is the construction of a water-tight brick tank divided into two compartments, fine sand is put in one, the other being a storage for the filtered water, and is fitted with a pump, the system is being extended as much as possible in the District.

Good progress has also been made in the abolition of the privy midden and the substitution of the pail.

Four new houses have been erected during the year for which certificates under the water act were applied for and granted.

Inspections of places where food is prepared 21.

Number of Slaughter Houses inspected 15 which were kept satisfactorily.

Number of New Houses erected during the year 4, all by private enterprise.

Number of houses inspected during the year for various reasons                   ...                   ...                   ...                   473.



Number of houses inspected and recorded under 1910 regulations				97
No.	„	totally unfit	...	2
No.	„	defective	...	73
No.	defects remedied without statutory notice			57
No.	defects remedied under statutory power			0
No.	Closing orders made			0
No.	Closing orders determined			0
No.	Remaining defective			16

Legal proceedings for the abatement of nuisances were taken successfully in two cases.

The Sanitary Inspector made 473 inspections during the year.

18 Houses were disinfected during the year.

The drains at Stradbroke, Fressingfield, Laxfield and Hoxne were cleaned and repaired during the year.

The wells at Stradbroke gave trouble during the year. There is some reason to think that the pipes from these ponds to the well from which the water is pumped are defective. Ponds and filters were cleaned.

The Birth rate was low and the infant mortality figures are lower than usual and much below the years returns for England and Wales. The general death rate for the district was also below the average.

Dairies and Cowsheds inspected and registered 43.

Privies repaired and converted to pail system 21.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. CHARLES HUTLEY,

M.R.C.S. ENG., L.R.C.P. LOND., etc.

*Medical Officer of Health,*

*Hoxne Rural District.*





